

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

EARTH FARE, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-10256 (KBO)

(Jointly Administered)

Objection Deadline: August 5, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

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3. All services for which compensation is requested herein by Young Conaway were performed for or on behalf of the Debtors.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED

4. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a detailed statement of fees incurred during the Interim Fee Period, showing the amount of \$26,116.00 due for fees.

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DISBURSEMENTS

6. Exhibit B attached hereto is a detailed statement of expenses paid by Young Conaway during the Interim Fee Period, showing the amount of \$136.26 for reimbursement of expenses. This out-of-pocket disbursement sum is broken down into categories of charges, including, among other things, telephone and telecopier toll and other

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7. Costs incurred for overtime and computer assisted research are not included in Young Conaway’s normal hourly billing rates and, therefore, are itemized and included in Young Conaway’s disbursements. Pursuant to Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “**Local Rules**”), Young Conaway represents that its rate for duplication is \$.10 per page for black and white copies and \$.80 per page for color copies, its rate for outgoing telecopier transmissions is \$.25 per page (excluding related long distance transmission charges), there is no charge for incoming telecopier transmissions, and there is no surcharge for computerized research.

VALUATION OF SERVICES

8. Attorneys and paraprofessionals of Young Conaway have expended a total of 52.20 hours in connection with this matter during the Interim Fee Period.

9. The amount of time spent by each of these persons providing services to the Debtors for the Interim Fee Period is fully set forth in the detail attached hereto as Exhibit A. These are Young Conaway’s normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character.

The reasonable value of the services rendered by Young Conaway for the Interim Fee Period as counsel for the Debtors in these cases is \$26,116.00.

10. Young Conaway believes that the time entries included in Exhibit A attached hereto and the expense breakdown set forth in Exhibit B attached hereto are in compliance with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2.

11. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the amount requested is fair and reasonable given (a) the complexity of these chapter 11 cases, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered, (d) the value of such services, and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

12. This Application covers the interim fee period from June 1, 2020 through and including June 30, 2020. Young Conaway has continued, and will continue, to perform additional necessary services for the Debtors subsequent to the Interim Fee Period, for which Young Conaway will file subsequent monthly fee applications.

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CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, Young Conaway requests that allowance be made to it in the sum of \$26,116.00 as compensation for necessary professional services rendered to the Debtors for the Interim Fee Period, and the sum of \$136.26 for reimbursement of actual necessary costs and expenses incurred during that period, and requests such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: July 16, 2020
Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ M. Blake Cleary

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VERIFICATION

I, M. Blake Cleary, declare, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a Partner in the applicant firm, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("Young Conaway"), and have been admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court of Delaware since 1997.

2. I have personally performed many of the legal services rendered by Young Conaway, as counsel to the Debtors, and am familiar with all other work performed on behalf of the lawyers and paraprofessionals at Young Conaway.

3. The facts set forth in the foregoing Application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

/s/ M. Blake Cleary
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EXHIBIT A

EXHIBIT B

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, PURSUANT TO THE *ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR PROFESSIONALS* [DOCKET NO. 222], IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, THE DEBTORS WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO PAY 80% OF THE REQUESTED FEES AND 100% OF THE REQUESTED EXPENSES WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.

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